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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MARSHAL DIMITRI USTINOV TO POLAND

1. SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER DIMITRI USTINOV LED A SOVIET
MILITARY DELEGATION ON A CEREMONIAL TOUR OF POLAND FOLLOW-
ING THE SEPTEMBER 9-16 WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS, SHIELD-76.

2. THE GROUP WAS IN KATOWICE AND OPOLE SEPTEMBER 17, WHERE
THEY VISITED THE SUDETEN ARMORED DIVISION OF THE POLISH
ARMY. ON SEPTEMBER 18, GIEREK PRESENTED USTINOV WITH THE
ORDER OF THE CROSS OF GRUNDWALD, FIRST CLASS, FOR HIS
DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET DEFENSE INDUSTRY DURING AND
FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II. USTINOV ALSO RECEIVED AN
HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE MILITARY TECHNICAL ACAD-
EMY. HE PAID AN OFFICIAL CALL ON PREMIER PIOTR
JAROSZEWCZ. A POLISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI, ATTENDED THE
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FAREWELL CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 19.

3. COMMENT: IN THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT SHIELD-76 WAS
LARGELY CEREMONIAL. RATHER THAN A WARSAW PACT MANEUVER,
SHIELD-76 WAS A SERIES OF SET PIECE DEMONSTRATIONS CAL-
CULATED TO CREATE THE BEST POSSIBLE IMPRESSION OF POLISH
AND WARSAW PACT CAPABILITY.

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